

Food processing industries at Rohodu in Shimla

† 125. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up food processing industry at Rohodu, in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh, on priority basis so that apple growers may get maximum benefit out of it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government would take action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government does not directly set up food processing industries in any State. The Department of Food Processing Industries is implementing various Plan Schemes which envisage provision of financial assistance to cooperatives, non-governmental organizations, public sector undertakings, private sector industries, Research and Development Institutions etc. for development of the processed food sector. These Schemes are project-oriented and not State/area specific.

Cyclone, flood and drought in Orissa

126. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land and cost of crops damaged in Orissa due to supercyclone, flood and the recent drought during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) whether all farmer got the crop in insurance claims;

(c) the area of non-irrigated cultivated land available in Orissa; and

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